



MIAA GYMNASTICS COMMITTEE Virtual
Tuesday - May 3, 2022 10:00 am
Minutes

1. Call to Order - at 10:03 a.m.
2. Attendance - In attendance:
Ann Trytko, Kathy Ostberg, Paul D'Alleva, Kat Cornetta, Mike Denise, Laura Chesson, Jessica Winders, Amelia Braun, Paula Chausse, Stephen Cudworth, Michaela Gill, Jim Kelley, Danny Ventura,
3. [Approval of Minutes](#) from 10/12/21 Meeting - Motion to accept from Nate Bonneau, seconded by Stephen Cudworth, unanimously accepted
4. Tournament Directors' reports:
 - a. Mike Denise -
 - meet was held at Burlington HS, well done by Shaun Hart and his staff
 - first class event, plenty of seating, press coverage was great, and wonderful experience for the athletes who participated
 - Tom Fontecchio supplied the electronic scoring, number of ties and medals were shipped afterwards, 45 athletes from 4 schools, numbers continue to be a concern
 - MD sent a survey regarding the continued participation, all schools are interested but numbers are concerning, serious discussion needs to be had to see if this sport can be offered in the future
 - AT said event was well run, especially given the last minute weather and venue obstacles, and asked MD for a report about the future of the sport
 - The number concern came up in the west previously and the MIAA chose to continue to offer with a minimum of 5 teams, discussion ensued about saving this program and the number of boys who compete on girls team
 - How can we think outside the box to save this sport? There is an increase in boys competing on girls teams, survey schools and local gyms on number of athletes who are out there, look at cooperative requirements, regionalizing programs, combining of venues
 - Do we look at forming a subcommittee to review what options are there? Nate will form and create a survey to send out the member schools.
 - Nate reviewed some of the numbers from past years
 - b. Amelia Braun - Hosted in person again, at Algonquin Regional High School Masconomet won State Championships

Franklin was second, went on to win New Englands....

- Help and support of Nathan and Ann, could not be done without them with their assistance and support, much gratitude to them and the administration at ARHS to host these events and the magnitude of the people who come through
- partnered with USAG to have the equipment supplied, two sets, back gym, safe for all
- on-line ticketing, outdated phones and wifi were the challenge but overall it worked out okay, thank you to the coaches for sending the links out ahead of time
- ARHS parents, students all played a role and they were grateful for their assistance
- on-line scoring was a significant update, press coverage was great, meet was efficient and ran so well with the on-line scoring
- seeding process was relatively smooth, one question that came up was that two teams tied in the seeding, we have not yet determined what the tie breaker would be in this case / discussion of tie breaker ensued
- ARHS agreed to host again, need to determine fees that are paid out and ensure that there is enough to cover the staff that is needed
- AT commended AB on the running of the event, KO agreed

5. Coaches Association Report

a. Boys Gymnastics – Rich Ellis (attach)

- see attached email

b. Girls Gymnastics – Steve Cudworth

- thank you to Ann for her hard work
- had a couple changes, no senior superbowl meet this season so that teams could have an opportunity to complete their seasons
- state individuals at Tewksbury High School, on 2/21, both sessions went well
- senior national team was chosen and will compete in fort myers 5/19-5/22, 20 seniors will be participating

6. Status of Boys' Gymnastics - subcommittee will discuss

7. Officials Association Report

a. Girls Gymnastics – Kathy Ostberg

- coaches and officials combined meeting to review the rules, attendance is great on zoom meetings, new NFHS will be coming out for the 23-24 season, this season they recruited more officials, more are needed, they do not have enough to cover and added challenge of Saturday and Sunday meets and having officials to cover and therefore officials are alone at meets (difficult for new officials); some meets had 8p start times, too late; transgender athlete competed and a request was made to adjust the uniform requirement

8. **2022 West Sectional Format** (edits & approval needed) -
- Saturday, 11/12 @ Chicopee Comprehensive HS
- invite the champion to the breakfast of champions
accept with edits motion made by KO , accepted by Jessica Winders, seconded by Jim Kelley, unanimously approved
9. **2022-23 Winter Gymnastics Format** (edits & approval needed)
- update dates within the boys information
- update dates within the girls information
- in the girls information, add language regarding when there is a tie in the seeding of the averages, then a coin flip will determine the higher seeded team based
motion made by PC, seconded by MG, unanimously accepted
motion to accept the format with edits by PC, seconded by MGill, unanimously accepted
10. Special Recognition:
a. Coach of the Year Event May 17th, 2022
2020-21 COY Paula Lupien/Franklin HS
Deadline for nominations for COY 2021-22 June 30th, 2022. Link to nomination form on the MIAA homepage under “Quick Links”.
- coaches association can send along the winner of the coaches association award
11. Old Business
- none at this time
12. New Business – Announcement (Ann) -
Ann will not be returning in her role.
- New England Council is meeting next Wednesday, 5/11, send any questions to AT
13. Other
14. Next Meeting - TBA
Motion to adjourn by PC, seconded by JW, unanimously approved.



